Guna-Etawah rail line

†*210. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the work on Guna-Etawah rail line of Madhya Pradesh has been completed;

(b) the remaining kilometre length of laying work and the reasons for non completion and slow progress of the project; and

(c) the allocation for the project made in the budget of this year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) The total length of Guna-Etawah new line project is 344.82 km out of which 308.43 km from Guna to Bhind has already been completed and commissioned.

(b) The remaining length is 36.39 km from Bhind to Etawah. There has been delay due to non-transfer of Forest and Wild Life Sanctuary land in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. However, Uttar Pradesh Government has permitted to carry out the work. The working permission on forest land has been withdrawn by Madhya Pradesh State Government who are asking for 5% of cost of the project towards compensatory afforestation fund. This amount has already been paid to Uttar Pradesh Govt. as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court. There has been failure of super-structure contracts of the three important bridges on Kunwari, Chambal and Yamuna rivers. New agencies have been fixed and the progress has already been expedited.

(c) The funds allocated for this work during 2009-10 is Rs. 50 crore.

Closed MSMEs

*211. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many units of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are remaining closed in the country;

(b) what is the total capital invested in such units that had turned unproductive;

(c) what is the number of workers rendered unemployed due to such closures; and

(d) whether Government is considering instituting any mechanism for rehabilitation of such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Based on the Third All India Census of small scale industries (SSIs) with reference year 2001-02, out of 22,62,401 SSI units registered up to 31.03.2001, 8,87,427 units were found closed. Since the medium enterprises were for the first time defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Act, 2006 which came into force from 2nd October, 2006, information in respect of closure among medium enterprise is not available. Unit-wise data on capital invested and number of workers employed in closed units is not maintained centrally.

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